

Religious.

ONE OF the most important meetings ever held in this city will begin Tuesday next, continuing until Thursday noon in the First Presbyterian church. It is the nineteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the Synod of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. This includes all the Presbyteries of our state and portions of West Virginia and New Jersey. The Presbytery comprising the Synod of Pennsylvania includes Allegheny, Blawieville, Butler, Carlisle, Chester, Clinton, Erie, Huntingdon, Kittanning, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Northumberland, Parkersburg, Philadelphia, North Pittsburgh, Redstone, Shenango, Washington, Wellborough, Westminster. Following is the programme:

TUESDAY EVENING, AT 7:30 O'CLOCK.

Open Devotional Service—Mrs. Charles L. Bailey, Hartington; Mrs. A. W. Dickson, Response—Miss Hannah Deacon, Miss Wood and Miss Stahlberg.

Report of Business—Miss Chas. L. Bailey.

Report of Literature—Miss Summy.

Announcement of Committees.

Prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9:30 O'CLOCK.

Devotional Service—Mrs. Dickson.

Report of Corresponding Secretary—Miss Anna.

Report of Secretary for Young People's Work—Mrs. J. N. Moore.

Report of Treasurer of Contingent Fund—Mrs. Landy.

Report of Secretary for Freedmen—Mrs. P. W. Lowry.

Report from the Delegate to General Assembly—Miss Anna.

Address—Rev. S. C. Logan, D. D., of Scranton.

Hymn.

Prayer.

Reading of Minutes—Mrs. Reeder, Rec. Secretary.

Prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

Praise—Miss R. B. Palmer.

Scripture—Miss R. B. Palmer.

Annual Meeting of Lackawanna Presbytery—Miss Strong, President.

Address—Rev. V. W. L. Pastor Bohemian Church, Pittsburg.

Appeals to Work Among the Miners—Miss Person.

Hymn.

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Reading Minutes.

Adjourn.

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Addresses by Mrs. V. K. Person, secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, New York; Mr. Alonzo Flora D. Palmer, Freedmen's secretary for Woman's Board of Home Missions, Pittsburg.

Offering.

Benediction.

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Roll Call and Reports from Delegates.

Devotional service—Mrs. J. K. Russell.

Prayer.

Session—"Practical Hints from Treasurers"—Mrs. E. A. Hunt.

Staff New Work Among the Miners—Miss Anna.

Mining Districts in Pennsylvania to be Under-taken by the Women's Synodical Society—Mrs. Hubbard.

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"Weeks in the South Land"—Mrs. Palmer.

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"Touching Works"—Mrs. Charles L. Bailey.

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Local officers of First Presbyterian church, Scranton: President, Mrs. A. W. Dickson; first vice-president, Mrs. D. E. Taylor; second vice-president, Mrs. M. G. Dunham; third vice-president, Miss Anna LaMonte; treasurer, Miss Anna McLeod; treasurer, Mrs. C. R. Fuller.

The fifth biennial convention of the Brotherhood of Analysts and Phils will be in session in Pittsburgh, Pa., October 31, November 1, 2 and 3. Extensive preparations have been made for the reception and entertainment of the delegates and visitors who will attend. It is expected that two hundred strangers will be on hand to enjoy the hospitality of the Smoky City brotherhood. Trolley rides and visits to the many manufacturing establishments of the "World's Workshop" will delight and please all who are in attendance.

The railroads have made special excursion rates for all that wish to come. Visitors in purchasing tickets must get a certificate from the railroad agent, which will entitle them to return at one-third rate. The programme includes some of the world's greatest ministers and is one of the most comprehensive.

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Sunday School
Lesson
for
October 27.

Joseph and His Brethren.
Gen. xlvi: 1-15.

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lived in his heart which had been corrupted in his honorable station (Rom. xi: 16).

CONTEXT.—The seven years of plenty passed and the famine followed according to Joseph's word. In Egypt there was abundance of food, and the people of other countries came thither to buy. The ten sons of Jacob came, leaving Benjamin with his father in Canaan, leaving Egypt. He might tell all his brothers he had assumed the garb of an Egyptian. They were sent away with supplies left with the purchase money received in the months of plenty, along with instructions, bring Benjamin in their next visit. To keep the brothers from exhausted the brotherhood went a second time to Egypt, Benjamin having been reluctantly entrusted to them. As before the sacks were filled with the entire retinue of Egyptian servants, and when he was sent away he was known to his brothers.

OVERCOME.—(Verses 1 and 2.) For a time Joseph maintained his dignity and reserve, assuming the attitude and bearing of an Egyptian. But, gradually, as he looked into the faces of his brothers and listened to their speech which was not like that of the sons of Jacob, his heart was filled with emotions which could not be restrained. He therefore dismissed from his presence the entire retinue of Egyptian servants, and when he had so long mourned over his loss he was compelled to act.

DIRECTED.—(Verses 9 and 10.) With these words of apology, spoken to men who deserved little or no kindly consideration, Joseph gave directions to his brethren looking to their future welfare. In this he exhibited still further his strong attachment for his kindred, his desire to protect them, his love for his brothers, and his desire to instruct them.

EMBRACED.—(Verses 5 to 8.) There are two more instances of brotherhood in the heart of Joseph. It may be noted that in the heart of the brotherhood was reflected in him. By that process the brotherhood would have been found guilty of a great wrong (Gen. xxviii: 20). Or it may be taken as an event in a chain of influences by which a good God overrules the evil designs of men to accomplish some good purpose (Psalm lxxvii: 10).

This brotherhood is the one that Joseph had in mind when he said, "I will go down to Egypt." He had no right to do this, but he did it.

ASSURED.—(Verses 14 and 15.) Joseph must have known that this message would soon be to his father and wife, too good to be true. The story of the cost of many colors dyed in blood brought home as evidence that a beast had torn Benjamin (Gen. xxviii: 21).

His long and bitter lamentation, returning to Canaan, was the result of the loss of his beloved Benjamin, and the loss of his inheritance.

RESCUED.—(Verses 14 and 15.)—By this time the hearts of all present were flowing together